

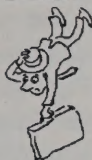


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## CLIFF HANGERS



Volume I

Mama don't take my Kodachrome, mama don't take my Kodachrome, mama don't take my Kodachrome away!! Remember that old Simon and Garfunkel tune. Well, summer is finally here and I'm sure you will find yourself humming this tune at this month's FWRC meeting, where our guest speaker will be Paul Saalfeld owner and operator of Stellhorn Photo Labs of Ft Wayne. Paul is also host of his own radio show each Saturday morning on WGL radio. Paul is extremely knowledgeable in all areas of photography. Paul will be speaking on the new APS camera systems. APS {Advanced Photo Systems} is the latest in computerized technology. The cameras will store hundreds of pictures. You can pick and choose your favorites and then have them put on a computer disk for viewing. Paul will also discuss new methods of photo processing and give you specific tips on how you can improve your picture taking. Vacations are coming up, lake weather is here and it's time to sharpen up those picture taking skills. Another great program brought to you by the Fort Wayne Radio Club. Don't miss this one, who knows what might develop. Did you see N9AVR {Walt Wood that is} at last month's spring banquet? There he was sitting right between our two lovely guest speakers eating a big dish of diet cherry cheese cake. I told the two girls that Walter was the best

electronics technician in this part of the country. Soon afterwards I noticed they were waiting on him and he was sitting there with a big smile on his face. { A thorn between two roses}. The following week I talked to Jennifer and Nancy. They asked if I would give Walt this message. "My toaster doesn't work". "My sweeper needs a new cord". "My answering machine is jammed, and the heater in the water bed needs fixed". I think they done took a likin' to that boy. Everyone had a great time, the food was excellent, the program was great, and when I added up the sign in sheet I found we had a WHOPPING 142 in attendance. Thanks to everyone who helped make this years banquet a great success.

It was a short night on May 17th. The phone was still ringing at 9:00pm. Persons still wanting to hop a ride on the Mother of all hamfests bus trip. Seven large coolers of pop, 12 dozen donuts, 2 large cases of orange juice and 4 gallons of hot coffee were waiting. 4:00AM rolled around quick. When Carl N9NRO picked me up and soon we arrived at the tech parking lot where the gang was already waiting to board. Off we went and soon arrived at the front door of the hamfest. What a great day, what a great time, what a great meal we had at the Old Country Buffet on the way home. This was the first time our club ever did anything like this. And like anything you do for the first time you can see where to make changes. But, all in all we had a great time and I am already looking forward to next year. If you are missing some clothing articles I probably have them. Left in the storage rack of the bus were the following items. 1 pair of ladies tennis shoes, 1 light blue jean jacket, 1 pair of socks, 1 pair of mens slacks {light tan}, and one pair of boxer shorts with pictures of radios on

them. You can claim these items at Cliff's shack.

HERE YE!, HEAR YE!, The FWRC Field Day is here and once again were going WHOLE HOG! I can smell the ladies in the pavilion cooking the hog now. { I mean I can smell the hog cooking}. Field Day is always a great time to get together for a great day in the park and try your hand at a little DX. This year we invite everyone and especially those of you who have never had a chance to operate in a Field Day operation. This years mode is laid back and will offer an opportunity for all to be involved. Come on out and have a pork dinner that's out of this world, sit around the campfire, roast some marshmallows, do a little DX and have just a down right good time.

Fort Wayne's only ATV repeater W9TE/ATV will soon be doubling it's power! Jim Pliett K9OMA "The one man army," was able to locate four 60 watt solid state 910mhz amplifiers at the Dayton Hamvention. These amps will be combined to output 200 watts of ATV power. This should enhance the ATV coverage area considerably. The 94 repeater committee is actively pursuing the upgrade of the repeater. Your patience is greatly appreciated. The 910 autopatch is back on the air and better than ever thanks to the efforts of Carl N9Nro, Kevin N9IWW, and Jim Pliett K9OMA. Ernie Bacon N9QLX did a bang up job on the Memorial Day weekend 94 swapnet. The net was held on the 94 as usual, and was also simulcast on ATV.. My hats off to Ernie for his commitment to keeping the net up and running.

Remember! The club meeting is Friday the 21st. I'll see you there.

"Saloon For Now"

73' Cliffie N9MKB

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## May 1996 Minutes



*The following are the recorded minutes of the Fort Wayne Radio Club:*

The May 1996 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held on Friday May 10 at 6:30pm. This was the annual Spring Banquet. A vote was taken to waive the business portion of the meeting to allow the guest speakers, Nancy Rogger and Jennifer Tritch of WGL Radio, to speak without delay.

*Respectively submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE*

### A Satisfied Customer

- Jim K9OMA

Hi. It's been a while since I've written for the Hamsplatter, but I felt I just had to say something about the great time I had on the Club's first bus ride to the Dayton Hamfest. I have to admit that \$15.00 was a real bargain in any Ham's book. This is the first time I've went for just one day in a long time, and it was really nice not to have to worry about finding a room, parking, and waiting around trying to grab the special bus to get back to the hotel with a load of goodies in my arms. My hat's off to Cliff (N9MKB) and his associates who organized this event. Hot coffee, doughnuts, and orange juice were in the offing first thing after boarding (it's certainly better than the airlines). Just in case you were about to be bored, then came Cliff's "select" videos. If you want to know more about them, you will just have to get on ATV. It seemed like just minutes later we pulled right up to Hara Arena, bought our tickets and were on our way. It was a real treat to be able to walk back to the bus which was parked just across

the fence from the flea market to drop off our bargains, grab a club furnished soda and sit a spell. After a thoroughly fun day at the Hamfest, we all boarded the bus for a five minute ride to The Old Country Buffet for a nice dinner with all our friends. After a belly full of food we chatted with other club members all the way back to Fort Wayne to be dropped off at our cars all before the sun went down. By the way, how was your trip to Dayton?

73's Jim K9OMA

### Old Tyme Chatter

-Ted Clifton, W9TC

Some people say you should never look back. The May issue of OTC requested help from W9JFT, should have read W9FJT, Fifty Jumping Tigers or Bob Seivers.

Based on a recent experience, I suggest you install several moisture alarms. We have an alarm on the sump pump plus a backup power supply. Our trouble was caused by a stopped up drain on the furnace humidifier. Cost of cleanup being \$900.00 of which we paid \$250.00. Our present alarm was purchased from Heath-Kit. After several weeks I was able to locate the manufacturer and order an additional alarm for ca \$35.00. Yes I do have the furnace checked each year by the service people who charged \$50.00 to correct the drain problem.

A few of the present members may recall the great foot race at the west Holiday Inn. I will down-size the story by naming only two of the contestants, KR9V and W9TC. At this ham gathering of a number of area Hams, the MC who was a member of the FWDX group, announced a contest, asking all Dxers to stand. He then introduced an attractive YL who was next to him. The prize was a new Callbook. The winner would be the first one to reach

the YL and kiss her. Other than my age I believed I could compete, since I had run a number of 100 yard races in my younger days. The prize was behind a table with the MC. It appeared that Dino being one of the younger contestants would win. The MC started the race. As Dino who was leading the race reached the finish line, he jumped on the table and laid back in a posed position for a picture. W9TC continued around the table and kissed the YL and received both prizes. Did someone yell "SIT," at Dino?

Now lets turn to something of interest. Both W9PFO and W9TC Amateur Licences expire in September of this year. It was my understanding that ARRL would send you a notification prior to the date when your licence would expire. This past week we both received from the FCC at Gettysburg, PA a form which required only your signature and the date which you would return to the FCC, very FB. We posted the same via Certified Mail, requesting a return receipt, at a cost of \$2.52. Very easy and simple. Will advise if it works.

### HISTORY

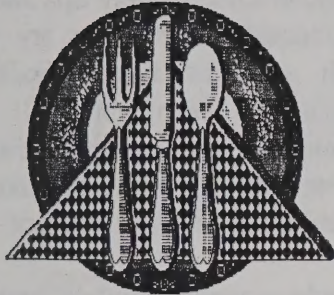
To continue: It was inevitable that the large body of electrical and other technical experimenters of the previous century should turn in great numbers to the new art of telegraphing without wires. These men and boys who were always doing queer things with wires and coils and evil-smelling jars, with odd jumbles of miscellaneous junk which constituted the apparatus of their "experimental theories," located in some private den, found the new art fascinating, almost magical. And yet the apparatus used by Marconi was relatively simple, much of it easily constructed from parts at hand.

The literature of the art was steadily growing. In the period from 1900 to 1904 American popular magazines



# FIELD DAY

## HOG ROAST



SATURDAY JUNE 22

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: PATTON PARK

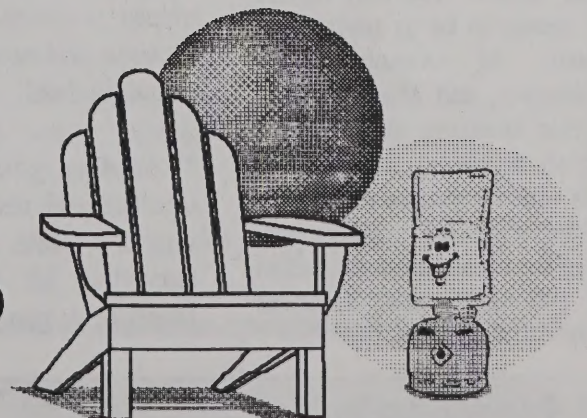
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CONTACT CLIFF AT  
483-7570 OR AT THE  
CLUB MEETING.

WE WILL HAVE THE  
CAMPFIRE AND BINGO  
AGAIN THIS YEAR.





## OTC - continued

contained 115 articles on wireless telegraphy. These appeared in such widely publications as the Independent, Current Literature, McClure's, Cosmopolitan, Overland, Woman's Home Companion, Delineator, Atlantic Monthly, Harper's Weekly, and World's Work. Although for the most part these articles simply reported occurrences in the art, many surprisingly enough, contained simple constructional data.

As a result of this widespread publicity, aided by the glowing accounts of the press at the time of Marconi's transatlantic triumph, the early years of the present century there were hundreds, perhaps over thousands, of amateur radio experimenters in this country, the great majority of them unaware of the other's existence. These early American amateurs were interested primarily in the experimental uses of wireless. Except when a small group of friends banded together for conversations among themselves. There was little communication activity. A new class of amateurs were simply experimenters who had switched their allegiance from less engrossing pursuits to wireless.

Although functioning individually, collectively these experimenters made steady progress in the development of their new art. In narrating the story of the technical progress of those early years, the work done by amateurs and that done by professionals is inextricably mixed. The only logical treatment seems to be to narrate the development of various new accomplishments, and allow it to be assumed that amateurs made use of them. It so happened that isolated individuals -- not organized research -- made all the important contributions, and some of these can be considered as amateurs, although in most instances

their status quickly altered following actual accomplishment, as they were invited to join commercial firms. In fact, from that standpoint, it can truthfully be said that almost without exception, every major step forward in radio has had its origin in amateur radio; for almost all the great men of the art -- inventors, executives, engineers -- got their start as amateurs.

73, W9TC

## Electrical Safety - Always Important!

Karla, N9XKM

Electrical safety is always important whether you are a new ham or an OM.

As a new YL ham, I am always interested in hearing more about electrical safety. Probably because I don't want to end up with my hair standing straight up after being zapped! What a bad hair day that would be! In all seriousness, all hams should take great care when handling electrical equipment. I was recently reminded of this as I read an article in the June addition of QST.

The article listed some basic electrical safety tips. Most things that were mentioned seemed to follow good common sense. For example,

- \* When working with electrical parts always make sure the power is off! Never work on a live circuit unless necessary. Check and recheck and never just assume the circuit is dead.
- \* Another good tip was not to operate and test equipment while you are alone. Your chances of surviving an "electrical shock" emergency greatly increases when

there is someone present that knows what to do. All hams should teach their wives, husbands, children and friends where the power can be safely disconnected. All family members should also be trained and certified in CPR.

\* Basic electrical safety tips should be stressed. Like never try and touch someone being shocked. Instead turn the power off!!! If you must try to move them always use something insulated like a broom or rubber tipped object.

\* Teaching young children how to call 911 could save your life someday.

\* Never work while tired or otherwise impaired. Let's face it - you need to be able to make rational decisions.

\* Respect all electrical circuits - remember even low voltages can be dangerous - 24 volts can be lethal.

\* Don't trust interlocks and never defeat them or other power safety switches. Periodically re-check permanently installed grounds.

\* Always wear your safety equipment and get special training if you plan on working with high voltage equipment.

\* Lastly, spend more time sizing up the situation or problem, and be sure to use the proper test equipment.

If Hams remember to put safety first, they will be more likely to enjoy a life-long hobby in Amateur radio.



### For Sale:

- \* Wanted: Yaesu FT-243 Crystals for Novice, General, and 6 meter bands.  
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Address: <http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/n9xrg.radio.htm>

### JUNE HAMSPLATTER DEADLINE: July 6, 1996

Do you have an interesting article, news item, or cartoon which you can contribute to the Hamsplatter? Do you have some spare equipment collecting dust that you want to sell? If so, please contact me, Kris, KF9AW. My day phone is 487-3286, evenings 486-7324. Packet messages can be directed to me on 144.97 W9JNX.

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1996 MEMBERSHIP DATA: (Give this form to the treasurer at any FWRC meeting or mail to address below)

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$21.00/yr \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.50/yr immediate family(list all calls)

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STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00/yr \_\_\_\_\_ \$3.00/yr full time student

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00/yr \_\_\_\_\_ \$7.50/yr unlicensed member

YOUR CHECK NUMBER # \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE PAY BY CHECK, IT'S EASIER FOR BOTH OF US!

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FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK (Request one from President at any Regular Club Meeting)

Provided at no cost to club members, this handbook provides a full set of information about present and past Club activities, events, and functions. The handbook is available in a clear cover binder, and is upgradeable by easy insertion of new pages into the three-hole binder. We will be issuing a new edition in July, 1996.

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